

13. A suggestion that the IAC review on an over-all basis the National Intelligence Survey, National Intelligence Digest, OCI Handbooks and similar publications by the Joint Staff, G-2, etc., has much merit but I believe the objective can better be accomplished by dealing with the problem a piece at a time. In the first place I have, with the Director's concurrence, abolished the NID. I have also accomplished a large measure of consolidation into the NIS program of previously independently published ORR studies on the Bloc economy. The current arrival on the scene of NIS summary chapters does present an opportunity for curtailing duplicatory publications by independent agencies, but only 5 out of an anticipated 108 of these now exist, and it will be FY 1963 according to present schedules before the series is complete. In any event these books will be revised probably biannually and at most annually so the need for a terser handbook revised every 30 days is likely to persist. Finally, one cannot escape the fact that community-wide "coordination" of any publication no matter how factual and non-controversial takes time and effort and therefore money in an amount that normally far exceeds what would be saved by abolition of intra-agency publications such as the G-2 mimeograph "Summary of Intelligence Data".

Further justification and explanation of the OCI Handbook program, about which I am genuinely enthusiastic, is attached as Tab H.

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